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RAYBURN'S ANALYSIS

An interviewer recently asked House Speaker Rayburn (Democrat from Texas) whether the nation's economy would be the key issue in the coming Congressional election. Rayburn's reply was interesting:

"There isn't going to be any issue. Nobody is going to vote Republican. I said recently we are going to have more Democrats than we have seats for.

"The farmer is in bad humor. The small businessman is in bad shape. The unemployed are in ill-humor and have nobody to blame—justifiably or not—but those in power.

"Besides, the shackles have fallen from the eyes of a lot of people about Eisenhower." These are blunt words, and the House Speaker is obviously exaggerating. Moreover, one must allow for the fact that he is a Democrat, and the administration in power is a Republican administration.

Nevertheless, making allowances for these conditions, we think Speaker Rayburn is a sound political doperer. Certainly, he is an experienced one, and he has called the turn on a number of past occasions. When he says there is a Democratic tide running in such unequivocal language, and when he flatly says the tide is as strong as he did recently, this is an ominous warning to the Republicans.

The Republican farm program is certain to lose them a large number of votes in the farm states. The shape of the economy is certain to cost the Republican Party votes, for the Administration must take the blame, rightly or wrongly. These two issues alone are certain to cost the Republicans many seats they now hold, in the coming elections.

What this means, as we see it, is that the first session of the 86th Congress which meets in about eight months, may well have the two-thirds majority to pass legislation to its own liking. A Presidential veto may not carry weight after November.

This prospect carries responsibility. Fortunately, in men like House Speaker Sam Rayburn, and many others both in the House, and in the Senate, the Democratic Party has a great reservoir of experienced and capable political leaders.

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MAY, 1958

Spring's last born darling, clear-eyed, sweet,
Pauses a moment, with twinkling feet,
And golden locks in breezy play, half-teasing and half-tender,
to repeat
Her song of May.
—Susan Coolidge.

May, which now is with us, means that one-third of 1958 has passed into history.

May means such things as Kentucky Derby Month, Memorial Day in most of the states; May Day, Mother's Day, and Armed Forces Day.

The full moon occurs on May 3rd this year, and there will be a partial eclipse of the moon—visible in many parts of the country. In addition, there are several interesting anniversaries in May. Do you remember some of them? One concerns May 7th. It was on May 7th, 1915, off the Old Head of Kinsdale, on the coast of Ireland, that the Lusitania was sunk by a German U-boat, sinking with the loss of 1,150 lives. This was one of the tragedies which finally brought the United States into World War I against Germany. On May 10th the first transcontinental railroad met at Promontory Point, Utah, in 1869. The first permanent English settlement began at Jamestown, Virginia, on May 13, 1607, when 105 colonists settled in that locality. And, in May 20th, 1927, Charles Augustus Lindbergh took off from Roosevelt Field, New York, and made his non-stop flight to Paris, a heroic achievement which thrilled the world.

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DEFENSE REORGANIZATION

The tragedy in the current political battle over defence reorganization is the failure of responsible leadership in Washington to get together and agree on a suitable general plan before it was presented to Congress. While it does little good to second-guess, we think a comment along this line is warranted, considering the vital national security issue involved.

The way President Eisenhower could have solved his present dilemma is and was relatively simple. With the Russians obviously ahead of us in the rockets and missiles field, speed and unity were vital in reorganizing and streamlining our defense establishment.

President Eisenhower could have called in Senate Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson, House Speaker Sam Rayburn, the chairmen of the House and Senate Armed Services Committees, the Chairman of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, and the Minority Leader of the House and Minority Leader of the Senate, and worked out a defense reorganization which would have been speedily put through Congress.

Congress has risen to the occasion, in times of national crisis, and acted in a unified and responsible manner. This happens when the executive department exercises good judgment and leadership, and does the necessary preliminary spadework, including conferences and frank discussions of the problems facing the country.

Defense leaders could have been included in these sessions, and the result would have been beneficial to every American. Instead, the President allowed a relatively new Secretary of Defense, and a committee, to go into seclusion and work out an administration reorganization proposal.

Naturally, Congress feels that it knows as much about it as some of those who are making the recommendations today, and a political fight is on. Meanwhile, the security of our country is involved, and it is a tragedy that our leaders could not have been offered the opportunity to sit down and work out a bi-partisan plan.

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Earning money and spending money are two different pursuits.

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The country has plenty of five cent cigars, but they are selling for twelve cents.

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Reading only columns and articles you like to read is not the way to broaden your outlook.

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Correct this sentence: "Don't breathe this to anyone, I'm not supposed to tell, but I can trust you."

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Borrowing money to tide you over in an emergency, is one way of insuring yourself of another emergency.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

Bible Material: Exodus 19-20; Deuteronomy 5
Devotional Reading: Psalm 119:137-144

Laws of God

Lesson for May 4, 1958

THE moving picture, "The Ten Commandments," will probably still be going strong at the time this column appears in print. Some of our readers will have seen it and liked it; some will feel that the Bible should never be made into a movie at all. Now there have been innumerable stories and novels based on the Bible, and if these are in order, then a movie is in order. But if a picture or a book uses Bible material it should use it and not misuse it. It may serve to bring out some truths about the real Ten Commandments if we take this opportunity to point out some of the wrong angles of that famous picture.

Dr. Foreman

The Wrong Title

In the first place, the title is misleading. The picture is not about the Ten Commandments. Approximately ten minutes out of three hours and 50 minutes are devoted to the Ten Commandments, and then they are neither explained nor applied except in a superficial way. The picture tells the story, mostly imaginary, of the unknown years of Moses as an Egyptian prince. Some of it is in line with the Bible; for instance, one gets a good idea of what it was to live as an aristocrat in ancient Egypt as Moses did. Some of it is out of line with the Bible altogether, such as the story of the killing which led Moses' flight from Egypt. Most of it casts no light on the Bible at all, but is the producer's idea of how it might have happened—ideas ranging from the probable to the highly improbable.

No Piece of Fireworks

And this brings us to our point. What exactly is wrong with the Ten Commandments part of this moving picture? It's a small fraction of the whole colossal spectacle; but it is an important fraction. Three misleading notions which viewers who are not familiar with the Bible might take away can be mentioned. One: In the picture, the Ten Commandments are a piece of celestial fireworks. They do not come to Moses' mind nor through it. A fiery thing looking like something out of a Disney cartoon streaks down and carves the Commandments, one by one, on a polished mountain side, while Moses cowers in helpless fear. Later on Moses (in the picture, not the Bible) "throws the book"—the two tombstone-size tablets—at Dathan, and in a terrific explosion the earth opens and swallows him up. Thus the Law of God is shown as something altogether out of this world, a sort of celestial magic, a sort of supe-hydrogen bomb. This is a long way from the truth about God's law as Paul saw it (Romans 1:14, 15), written on the hearts of men.

No One-way Religion

In the second place, this picture leaves out, where it ought by all means to be, the Bible story (Exodus 24) which shows that the people accepted this Law or these Laws, and covenanted to keep them. Religion is not a one-way street. Religion is not God making a fireworks-law and throwing it at people's heads. Religion as the Bible presents it is always covenant religion, that is to say two-way religion. Light might as well be darkness unless it is seen. Revelation reveals nothing until men respond to it.

Can One Love Such a God?

And this brings up perhaps the most serious point of all. In the Bible, every law of God comes from His Grace; that is to say, His Will is not an arbitrary set of orders imposed on us by a hostile, still less an impersonal Power, but comes from a loving, personal God. If God were really nothing else but the terrifying, fiery, unpredictable, indescribable being of this picture, what possible meaning could there be in the commandment (Deut. 6:5) to love God with all our hearts? Love may be less spectacular than a whirling pillar of fire,—less useful for a "colossal" show. But when God finally revealed his real Self, it was not in a perfect flame, but in a perfect Person. Only as we know and love God personally can we appreciate and love his Law.

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Washington Notes

FOOLPROOF SYSTEM

Secretary of Defense Neil McElroy has gone on record as saying the system designed to prevent an unintended, unauthorized nuclear bomb strike against the Soviet Union is foolproof.

He and General Nathan Twining, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, were emphatic that absolute safeguards exist against incidents such as Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko claims could set of atomic war.

The two leaders, back from a meeting of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in Paris, left the impression they see no reason to change the system under which Strategic Air Command bombers are at constant readiness on the ground and in the air.

THOSE TAXES

The Agricultural Marketing Service estimates that about 12 cents of every dollar spent for food in this country goes for taxes.

This 12 cents is added, it said, to the cost of processing and distributing food. The tax collected's share is a third of the portion of the food dollars farmers now get.

MISSILES TRAINING FOR U.K.

The United States Army has announced that a plan was being worked out to train British Army personnel in the use of Corporal missiles at White Sands, N. M. The Corporal is a surface-to-surface missile — with a range of about 100 miles.

INSURANCE TAXES

The Treasury Department earlier this month proposed that Congress strip the nation's life insurance companies, of many of their special tax benefits.

The proposal, which would leave the co-operative industry as the only major business group receiving large special tax advantages, is expected to face stiff opposition in Congress.

SABRES GOING TO SPAIN

The United States will send an Air Force fighter unit to Spain in June. It will be commanded by Lieut. Col. Charles K. Yeager, the first man to break the speed of sound.

The Air Force said a day fighter squadron from Georgia Air Force Base in California would be stationed at Moron air base near Seville. It will be equipped with Supersabres. The fighter squadron will remain in Spain for six months after which it will be replaced by another squadron.

DEFENSE PLAN RAPPED

Three military analysts have criticized President Eisenhower's defense reorganization plan while indicating general support for his objectives. None of the analysts saw as much harm in inter-service rivalries as Eisenhower sees, and two of them said the Pentagon's real problem is top-level indecision.

All three told the American Society of Newspaper Editors that most of the re-organization proposals could have been put into effect without going to Congress.

VANGUARD'S ORBIT

According to Dr. John P. Hagen, director of the Vanguard satellite program, the Navy's Vanguard satellite will orbit the earth for at least 200 years.

Dr. Hagen said long observation will be necessary to determine a more accurate prediction of the life of the small sphere sent aloft on March 17. The Navy satellite is slowing down to an almost unmeasureable rate because of the dimensions of its orbit and because of "drag." "But," Dr. Hagen added, "we now know that Vanguard will be with us for at least 200 years."

Pentagon Chances Backed

The American Legion's National Security Commission has called on its parent organization to support President Eisenhower's defense-re-organization plan.

The commission also recommended that the Legion's executive reaffirm its support of a single military commander to replace the present Joint Chiefs of Staff. This was not part of the President's proposals.

Fertilizer Prices

Fertilizer prices increased only a small amount in the past 20 years, while the average cost of all other farm production items rose nearly 2½ times. The price advantage for fertilizer is likely to continue.

During 1957, the use of soap and synthetic detergents totaled 28 pounds per person in this country, up 2 pounds from 1956, and the largest since 1950.

Frozen Food Production

U. S. Department of Agriculture economists estimate that frozen food production has increased five times since 1947. In the seven years between 1947 and 1954, the production of processed chickens increased 12-fold.

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April 27.- It was quite cold over the week-end.

R. Ingo returned home after spending quite a [illegible] her daughter, Mrs. J. P. [illegible]r., in Norfolk.

A few out for the Training [illegible] educational meeting held [illegible] Monday night.

Various organizations met on [illegible]day night. The attendance [illegible]

Walter Ranson accompanied [illegible] Mrs. T. R. Richardson, [illegible] Carwile to Roanoke [illegible] and spent the week-end [illegible] and Mrs. Gene Richardson

Jim Frank Ranson entered Southside Hospital at Farmville on last Thursday for treatment.

The Y. W. A.'s met with Miss Ruby Richardson on Friday night.

Mrs. W. F. Ranson returned home last Tuesday, after spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. C. M. Evans, at Spout Spring.

Miss Rosa Lee Shelton spent Sunday afternoon with Ruby Richardson.

Mrs. M. H. Marks is some better, after being quite sick last week.

Several of the Intermediate Training Union members and a few others enjoyed a Hamburger Fry at Oxford Furnace Saturday afternoon.

We regret that our pastor, Rev. Joseph Darden, and his wife, will soon be leaving for their new field.

Preaching will be this Sunday at 8:00 P. M.

Several from here attended the Johnson and Elliott wedding at Pamplin Sunday afternoon. Miss Charlene Ranson was soloist at the wedding.

Stonewall

Stonewall, April 29.- My, it seems we will have cold, rainy weather all of April. Hope the April showers will bring forth lovely May flowers.

Your writer was on the sick list last week, accounting for your failure to get a news letter from us.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wheeler and children, of Richmond, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler. They also visited her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Stratton.

We are all so happy to hear that Mr. Aubrey Stratton is still feeling real well. We wish for him a speedy recovery. He is one of our "Stonewall boys."

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Caldwell spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Pete Dickerson and her family at Spout Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddie Gauldin spent the week-end in North Carolina with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Bondurant and family, of Concord, spent Sunday with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Moore, who have just moved into their lovely new home. We wish them much happiness in their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ray Burnette and Tim and Mrs. Rufus Burnette spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Kemp Nixon and baby in North Carolina.

Rev. Aaron Smith was the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick on last Tuesday night.

The W. S. C. S. of Bethel Church met in the home of Mrs. C. M. Caldwell on last Tuesday night, with good attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson and Mrs. John Burnette spent Sunday in Covington with the Rev. and Mrs. Bert Wilson and family.

Mrs. Colie Rock and two boys are spending some time with Mr. Rock's mother, who has just returned home from the hospital. Glad to hear that she is improving real fast. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stephenson, Jr. and two girls, Janet and Cynthia, of Norfolk expect to spend this Week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs E. L. Chick.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and Lawrence and Mr. E. L. Chick visited in Amherst at the old Beard home place on last Sunday, April 20. Mrs. Chick wasn't able to make the trip.

Mrs. John Burnette and Mrs. Jim Robertson visited their sick brother, Virgil Carson in Roanoke on last Sunday, April 20. Glad he is home from the hospital, and improving.

Pamplin Vicininy

Pamplin Vicinity, April 29.- Rev. and Mrs. M. H. Chappell and Mrs. A. E. Southall Sr. were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Dickerson on Sunday.

Mrs. Charles Ramsey and three children have returned to their home in California, after spending several months here with Dr. and Mrs. C. H. McCall.

Mrs. W. S. Cumby spent a few days last week with her sister, Mrs. E. H. Tibbs, of Spring Mills.

Mrs. Lawrence Cash, of here spent a few days in Richmond with her husband.

Miss Joanne Williams visited her parents here, Mr. and Mrss. H. T. Williams, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lucado and Mr. and Mrs. Lynford Cumby visited Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Giles of Halifax last Friday night.

Dinner guests of Miss Beulah Cobbs and mother were Mr. J. J. Suddarth Jr. and daughter, Nancy, of Scottsville; Mr. and Mrs. Norwood Wayne and Mr. Marcus Baldwin, of Piney Ridge Sunday.

Mrs. Sam Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Cumby, and Mittie Cumby called in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Scruggs Sunday afternoon.

Miss Dorothy Lee Richardson, of Lynchburg visited her parents here, Mr. and Mrs. James Richardson.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Jamerson and family visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Hancock.

Beckham

Beckham, April 28.- Mrs. Raymond Hamilton, Mary Frances, David and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hamilton, of Richmond visited Mrs. C. A. Moore and Mr. and Miss. Hal Moore and family.

Elaine Ferguson, of Appomattox, spent the week-end with Nancy Moore.

Penny Sue Martin was the supper guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Martin, Jr., Faye and Janet on Friday evening.

Miss Faye Martin visited Gaynell Martin on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hermon Moore, Jr., Dorothy Jane and Dianne, of Richmond visited Mr. and Mrs. Hermon Moore on Sunday.

Mrs. Robert J. Morris and Miss Jane Moore will attend the tenth annual meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Methodist Church to be held in Roanoke on Saturday. Others attending will be Mrs. David Martin, Mrs. Martin Coleman, Mrs. Kenneth Coleman, Mrs. Ralph Coleman, Mrs. Tom Kerns, Mrs. Judson Morris and Mrs. Hermon Moore, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Hermon Moore, Sr., plan to visit their son and afimly, Mr. and Mrs. Hermon Moore, Jr., Dorothy Jane and Dianne, of Richmond on Thursday and Friday.

There will be a ground-breaking service at Trinity for the new church at 3:00 Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Campbell and family visited Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Mays on Sunday.

Mrs. T. M. Martin and Miss Eunice Martin were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Judson Morris, Mrs. J. T. Morris and Glenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Winston Martin and Gloria visited Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Martin Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Tuck, Wayne and Kathy, of Lynchburg, visited Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Martin on Sunday.

Pam Martin was the Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Moore.

Pamplin School Wins Ball Game

The Pamplin Elementary School kept its undefeated record intact by downing the Oakville Elementary School 13 to 2 at Pamplin Thursday. Ronnie Price pitched all the way for Pamplin, and hit two home runs to help his cause. Dennis Davis and Kenneth Richardson also collected two hits.

Pamplin meets Appomattox today, at Pamplin.

	AB	H	R
Davis, 1b	4	2	2
R. Vasser, 3b	4	0	1
Price, p	4	2	2
Johnson, c	4	1	2
F. Williams, cf	4	1	2
Brown, rf	3	1	1
Ranson, 2b	3	1	1
K. Richardson, lf	3	2	2
J. Richardson, ss	3	1	0
Drinkard, a	1	0	0
R. Ferguson, 2b	0	0	0
S. Varner, rf	0	0	0

—a: fled out for Brown in sixth.

Oakville

W. McCormick, ss	4	1	0
J. Martin, c	4	3	0
N. Page, p	4	2	0
R. Wells, 3b	4	1	0
T. Lucado, lf	3	1	0
K. Doss, 2b	3	1	1
C. Page, 1b	3	1	0
D. Rogers, rf	3	0	1
S. Phelps, cf	3	1	0

MISS LOIS ERDMAN, NEW VEPCO HOME ECONOMIST FOR AREA

Miss Lois M. Erdman has accepted the position of home economist in the Farmville area for the Virginia Electric and Power Co. This territory includes Appomattox, Prince Edward Counties, Amelia, Cumberland, Nottoway and Buckingham.

Miss Erdman will replace Mrs. Audrey S. Robinson, who is resigning May 31, after 4 years in this area. She has been working with Mrs. Robinson since April 14.

The new home economist came here from Norfolk, where she had been in Vepco Home Service since completing her training at Vepco's Richmond headquarters in the summer of 1956.

Miss Erdman attended the College of William and Mary for two years and was graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1956 with a bachelor of science degree in home economics. Last March she attended the Neas Park Lighting School in Cleveland, Ohio.

In the summer of 1956, Miss Erdman was recipient of the Danforth Home Economics Fellowship. This is given each year to an outstanding senior in home economics in Virginia.

Her parents, Col. and Mrs. L. S. Erdman, live in Harrisonburg. Her father is a retired Air Force Colonel.

Miss Erdman makes a great many of her own clothes and enjoys swimming and playing tennis.

Oakville

Oakville, April 29.- Attending the District Executive meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in Lynchburg yesterday were: Mrs. O. W. Martin, Jr., and Mrs. F. F. Carr. Also Mrs. Newton Jennings, of Appomattox.

Mrs. Clark Lewis, Mrs. Clayton Martin, Mrs. Herbert Richardson, Mrs. Harry DePew, Mrs. Alton Moore, and Mrs. O. W. Martin, Jr., are among those from this area who are in Lynchburg today for the Methodist Church School Vacation Training Workshop.

Oakville, April 29.- We are glad to hear that Mrs. Louis Moore is home from the hospital. She came home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Martin had as their dinner guests Saturday evening her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Caldwell, brother, and sister.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Covington, of Vera visited Mr. and Mrs. Louis Moore Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. James D. Marshall and son, "Doug," were the dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Moore.

Mrs. Jessie Campbell spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Moore.

Mrs. Lula Martin has returned home after spending a week visiting relatives in Lynchburg and Concord.

The M. Y. F. of Mt. Comfort Church had a social at Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Martin, Jr.'s on Thursday evening.

The revival at Red Oak Church began Sunday evening. There will be preaching each evening at 7:30 o'clock through the week.

People of the Oakville community were very much excited on Thursday evening when an awful hail and wind storm came by. Mr. Clarence Moore's farm was hit the hardest.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Coleman and daughter, Dreama, of Scottsville, visited his sister, Mrs. Clarke Moore on Thursday evening.

Spout Spring

Spout Spring, April 29.- Mr. and Mrs. George Carson and children visited in the home of her mother last Thursday evening.

Mrs. Walker Walton spent the week-end in Alexandria with her daughter, Shirley.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Harris, Mr. Walker Walton and daughter, Josephine, R. M. and Earl Harris spent Sunday in Dillwyn as guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Walton and Johnny.

The Rev. William Moon, of Franktown spent Tuesday night with his parents.

Mrs. Pauline Thomas and Miss Helen Martin are on our sick list at this writing.

Members of the W. S. C. S. of Salem Church sponsored a house warming for Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Thomas at their new home Saturday evening. They received many lovely and useful gifts.

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